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Selectmen, Treasurer,

—AND—

Superintending School Committee

—OF THE—

TOWN OF SALEM,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 28, 1881.

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Report of Overseers of the Poor.

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TOWN OFFICERS.

Town Clerk.

JOSEPH WEBSTER.

Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor.

CHARLES T. MAXWELL,
JOEL C. CAREY,
RICHARD TAYLOR.

Town Treasurer.

LEVI CLUFF.

Superintending School Committee.

EBEN C. BERRY.

Collector.

NATHAN G. ABBOTT.

Auditors.

MATTHEW H. TAYLOR,
GEO. C. GORDON,
JOSEPH WEBSTER.

Constable.

CLINTON EWINS.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Whole amount of Assets.

Taxes assessed for the year 1880 are as follows:

State tax,	$1264 00
County tax,	1889 49
Town tax,	6300 00
School tax,	1103 00
Per cent. allowed by law,	448 17
Highway tax,	2500 00
Per cent. allowed by law,	60 14
School House tax in No. 5,	208 48
Cash in Treasury,	268 62
Dog tax,	138 00
Wm. G. Crowell, tax list for 1879,	2259 23
Nathan G. Abbott, interest,	31 00
Railroad tax,	363 27
Savings bank tax,	202 10
Literary fund,	110 63
County of Rockingham,	412 49
Bounty on hawks from State Treasurer,	7 80
C. E. Sleeper, old plank,	5 00
B. R. Wheeler, new plank,	7 00
Rent of Hall,	40 00
	$17621 42

EXPENDITURES.

Paid on Account of Schools		
District No. 1, Town appropriation,	$216 31	
Railroad money,	36 32	
Literary fund,	61 20	
Dog tax,	27 20	341 03
2, Town appropriation,	48 23	
Railroad tax,	36 32	
Literary fund,	13 63	
Dog tax,	27 20	125 38
3, Town appropriation,	38 83	
Railroad tax,	36 32	
Literary fund,	10 97	
Dog tax,	27 20	113 32
4, Town appropriation,	109 74	
Railroad tax,	36 32	
Literary fund,	31 04	
Dog tax,	27 20	204 30
5, Town appropriation,	82 73	
Railroad tax,	36 32	
Literary fund,	23 40	
Dog tax,	27 20	169 65
6, Town appropriation,	304 14	
Railroad tax,	36 32	
Literary fund,	86 03	
Dog tax,	27 20	453 69
7, Town appropriation,	74 67	
Railroad tax,	36 32	
Literary fund,	21 12	
Dog tax,	27 20	159 31
8, Town appropriation,	84 90	
Railroad tax,	36 32	
Literary fund,	23 94	
Dog tax,	27 20	172 36

District No. 9, Town appropriation,	90 27	
Railroad tax,	36 32	
Literary fund,	25 53	
Dog tax,	27 20	179 32
10, Town appropriation,	56 18	
Railroad tax,	36 32	
Literary fund,	15 87	
Dog tax,	27 20	135 57
Whole Amount,		$2053 93

PAID ON ACCOUNT OF CONTINGENCIES.

John Woodbury, public watering place,	$3 00
Joseph W. Emerson, public watering place,	3 00
Jesse Ayer, setting glass in Town House,	1 50
Charlotte A. Dustin, payment of note and interest in full,	450 55
Daniel Merrell, payment of note and interest,	602 69
Jemima Hall, payment of note and interest,	493 88
Florence A. Mirick, interest on note to May 1, 1880,	105 83
Samuel T. Newell, interest on note to May 1, 1880,	158 74
Elizabeth M. Newell, interest on note to May 1, 1880,	158 74
Ebenezer Duston, interest on note to May 1, 1880,	211 66
Charlotte A. Duston, interest on note to May 1, 1880,	211 66
Eliphalet Coburn, interest on note to May 1, 1880,	1375 97
School District No. 10, payment of int. to Nov. 1, 1880,	20 50
William Stanton, public watering place for the years 1879 and 80,	6 00
A. J. Silver, damage on plow in 1879,	2 00
State tax,	1264 00
Edson C. Eastman, town blanks,	1 08

Tompkins & Mann, for glass and putty,	2 50
Alburtus Coburn, school house tax in Dist. No. 5,	200 00
Gilman D. Kelley, public watering place,	3 00
John C. Dow, lamps for Town Hall,	6 00
County tax,	1889 49
John F. Hall, making plow beam,	1 50
D. Foster Hall, repairing plow,	25
Henry Strong, sharpening picks,	1 95
Wiggin & Fernald, making adoption papers of Leonard O. Goodwin,	2 00
Marston & Eastman, Counsel in Charles A. Reed case 1877,	21 00
Charles T. Maxwell, table book for making taxes,	2 13
Collector's book,	1 10
Enrollment "	1 50
George C. Howard, recording births and deaths for the years 1878 and '79,	20 00
George E. Lane, for Surveyors books and blank appointments,	4 00
Wingate & Shaw, printing town reports for the years 1879 and '80,	45 00
John A. Messer, public watering place for the years 1878 and '79,	6 00
Geo. C. Gordon, for insurance,	12 50
Calvin V. Jennings, school house tax in No. 8, in 1879,	60 00
Clinton Ewins, carting settees from depot,	1 00
A. G. Whitcomb, twenty settees,	42 75
" " 1 doz. chairs,	5 75
Freight on settees and chairs,	2 60
Nelson Emerson, clearing the old cemetery,	5 00
James Ayer, assistance in making out inventory blanks,	2 00
D. Foster Hall, repairing hearse,	30
" " plow,	40
" " whiffletree,	25
" " tomb door,	1 00

Rawson Coburn, dinners for town officers,	4 00
C. E. Dow, difference in wagons,	52 50
Michael Cullen, one cow,	55 00
N. G. Abbott, on account of discount on tax list for 1880,	553 60
C. I. Bowker, spikes and nails,	4 22
Estate of A. Rogers, public watering place for 1879 and '80	6 00
Henry Strong, blacksmith work,	2 00
James F. Fletcher, damage to sleigh and harness on highway, near Walter B. Kelley's,	8 00
Geo. C. Gordon, making report for straightening the depot road,	4 00
Charles T. Maxwell, services and expenses to Derry to Probate Court on acct. of Goodwin Child,	2 00
Selectmen's expenses to Worcester to purchase a hearse for the town	9 90
Charles T. Maxwell, expenses to pay State tax and settling with County Com.,	7 00
Joshua Conant, bill on alms-house account in 1879,	2 22
Joshua Conant, bill on alms house account in 1880,	29 53
Charles T. Maxwell, stationery, blanks, and postage,	3 00
Charles T. Maxwell, expenses to Derry twice on account of health office,	3 00
Nelson Emerson, blank deeds for cemetery	2 00
One hearse for the town,	400 00
	$8,559 74

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Charles E. Knight, working out highway taxes,	$26 58
Horace B. Silver, " "	5 35
Horace B. Silver, drawing lumber and work on causeway bridges,	13 50
John Webber, labor on highway with team,	4 00
Horace B. Silver, labor on highway with team,	9 55
Gilman D. Kelley, "	9 82
E. B. Hall, gravel,	11 15
Joseph Armstrong, labor on highway,	11 25
Joseph Burrell, "	21 50
Charles V. Butler, gravel in 1879 and 80,	5 00
Henry F. Blethen, labor on highway,	8 25
Taylor & Co., plank for bridge near E. B. Hall's,	33 85
William B. Kimball, labor on highway,	11 15
Hiram Woodbury, "	29 62
Lawrence Lumber Company, stringers, plank and drawing for bridge,	71 22
Charles E. Knight, labor on highway,	1 87
Wm. D. Bradford, "	9 75
D. D. Chase & Son, plank and railing forcauseway and Widow Harris bridge,	29 51
Taylor and Goodwin, lumber,	19 62
James H. Foster, labor on causeway,	2 40
Simon C. Kelly, "	2 25
James H. Foster, "	2 60
William Stanton, "	5 28
Washington Kimball, "	15 00
Jerome B. Colby, "	19 80
Wm. H. Heselton, "	14 00
Jesse Ayer, labor on bridge,	1 00
Israel Armstrong, labor on highway,	10 50
Hiram Woodbury, gravel,	5 00
A. H. Merrill, gravel,	1 70

Wm. L. Bradford, labor on highway,	20 00
Work on turnpike,	536 36
N. G. Abbott, on account of highway tax worked out in labor,	2165 95
John P. Foster, work on causeway bridge,	1 50
Horace B. Silver, drawing railing and labor on causeway,	3 75
Thomas Duston, gravel,	4 50
John Q. A. Kelly, labor on highway,	106 51
Rodney C. Woodbury, "	1 50
Wm. B. Kimball, gravel,	1 00
D. M. Thom, "	1 80
Horace W. Hunt, "	4 90
C. E. Sleeper, "	2 83
	$3,262 67

SNOW PATHS.

Jerome B. Colby,	breaking roads,		$20 10
Richard Taylor,	"		4 50
James L. Brown,	"		9 07
James H. Foster,	"		1 95
Forest M. Martin,	"		5 40
John F. Smith,	"		11 95
George P. Cross,	"		11 40
D. N. Russ,	"		18 45
William Stanton,	"		24 94
Hiram Woodbury,	"	in 1879,	1 28
Charles Kimball,	"	"	2 42
Wm. H. Clark,	"	"	1 42
Stephen Webster,	"	"	60

Charles E. Knight,	breaking roads in 1880,	14 70
Ruel F. Wheeler,	" "	15 45
Wm. H. Hesselton,	" "	12 97
Alburtus Coburn,	" "	5 25
Enoch Taylor,	" "	6 15
I. O. Foster,	" "	25 50
Horace B. Silver,	" "	23 25
E. G. Duston,	" "	12 07
Mark A. Blood,	" "	3 75
G. D. Kelly,	" "	2 70
Albert Palmer,	"	75
Wm. B. Kimball,	"	12 60
Jacob P. Huse,	"	31 95
Stephen Roberts,	"	9 22
J. C. S. Twitchell,	"	32 70
John Q. A. Kelly,	"	75
D. M. Thom,	"	9 30
Washington Kimball,	"	32 70
		$365 24

PAID ON ACCOUNT OF TRANSIENT POOR.

Belinda J. Blake for board of Horace Reynolds child,	$64 50
Geo. C. Howard, medicine and attendance for Reynolds child,	9 00
Edith Woodbury, for support,	109 18
Joseph Burrell, board of Goodwin child,	78 50
Clothing for Goodwin child,	6 20
James H. Foster, for support of Mrs. Harvey Harris,	4 00
Nelson Emerson, services as Sexton on account of Mrs. Sarah E. Davis,	3 00

J. T. Douglass, coffin and robe for Sarah E. Davis,	10 75
Wm. H. Bryant, wood for R. T. Welch,	2 00
Nelson Emerson, services as Sexton on account Mrs. Jacob Reynolds,	3 00
David Dunlap, digging grave for Mrs. Sarah E. Davis,	1 50
	$291 63

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Stephen B. Webster, over tax,	$10 00
Asa K. Wardwell, poll tax over seventy years old,	1 89
Francis B. Kelly, dog tax,	1 00
Jacob Albert, over tax,	3 00
Sarah E. Bartlett, dog tax,	1 00
Wm. G. Crowell, abatements on tax List of 1878,	12 92
" " " 1879,	46 32
Mary Hastings tax for 1879,	14 20
Salem Town Farm tax for 1880,	47 36
Nathan G. Abbott, abatements on tax list of 1880,	50 94
John Woodbury,	1 31
	$189 94

TOWN OFFICERS.

Eben C. Berry, services as committee in full,	$75 00
Nathan G. Abbott, services as Collector in full,	175 00
John F. Smith, services as Auditor,	2 00
Geo. C. Gordon, " " '79 and 80,	6 00
Levi Cluff, services as Supervisor, " in full,	12 00

J. C. Carey, services as Selectman in full,	75 00
Chas. T. Maxwell, " "	90 00
Richard Taylor, " "	50 00
" as Supervisor in full,	6 00
Joseph Webster, as Town Clerk,	52 00
D. M. Thom, as Agent in full to date,	56 00
Joshua Conant, balance of services as Supt. for the year 1879, in full,	50 00
Joshua Conant, services in part as Supt. for the year 1880,	250 00
Levi Cluff, services as Town Treasurer in full for the year 1880,	35 00
M. H. Taylor, services as Moderator,	4 00
	$938 00

BOUNTIES.

John Austin, on one hawk,	20
Dolphis Chaplin,	20
David C. Stevens,	20
Wm. H. Rolf,	20
Rawson Coburn,	20
Alburton W. Clark,	20
Wm. H. Ayer,	20
F. M. Martin,	20
John N. Hunt,	20
A. J. Silver,	20
Charles H. Kelley,	20
Wm. Vickery,	20
Charles S. Keyser, three	60
Harvey W. Foster, one	20
Jonathan Page, three	60
Walter G. Woodbury, two,	40
Sidney A. Foster, two,	40

Frank Robie, five	1 00
Milton S. Kelley, twenty-two,	4 40
Walter H. Armstrong, two,	40
Cyrus C. Carver, one,	20
	$10 60

RECAPITULATION.

Whole amount of assets,		$17,621 42
Paid on account of Schools,	$2,053 93	
Contingencies,	8,559 74	
Roads and Bridges,	3,262 67	
Snow Paths,	365 24	
Transient Poor,	291 63	
Abatements of taxes,	189 94	
Town Officers,	938 00	
Bounties,	10 60	
Cash in hands of Treasurer,	389 44	
Due from N. G. Abbott, collector of taxes for 1880,	1391 50	
Collector for Highway taxes uncollected,	137 73	
Taxes for interest,	31 00	
		$17,621 42

OUTSTANDING NOTES AGAINST THE TOWN.

Eliphalet Coburn, note and interest to Mar. 1, 1881,			$13541 67
Charlotte A. Duston,	"	"	2083 33
Ebenezer Duston,	"	"	2083 33
Enoch Taylor,	"	"	1492 97
School Dist. No. 10,	"	"	203 33
" 2,	"	"	221 30
" 3	"	"	147 17
Samuel T. Newell,	"	"	1562 50
Elizabeth M. Newell,	"	"	520 80
" "	"	"	1041 66
Florence A. Mirick,	"	"	1041 66
Rebecca Hall,	"	"	459 37
			$24,399 09

DUE THE TOWN.

Nathan G. Abbott, Collector taxes, 1880,	$1391 50	
" " highway taxes uncollected,	137 73	
Nathan G. Abbott, Collector, interest,	31 00	
From County of Rockingham,	33 00	
Due on account of land bought for taxes,	284 46	
Interest on same,	68 60	
Balance in Treasurer's hands	389 44	
		$2,335 73
Leaving a balance against the town of		$22,063 36

CHARLES T. MAXWELL,
JOEL C. CAREY,
RICHARD TAYLOR,
} Selectmen of Salem, N. H.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Dr.

Cash on hand, March 1st, 1880,	$ 268 62	
Rec'd of Wm. G. Crowell, Collector of taxes in the year 1879,	2,259 23	
Rec'd of N. G. Abbott, Collector of taxes in the year 1880,	12,385 05	
State Treasurer, Railroad tax,	363 27	
Savings Bank, State Treasurer,	202 10	
Literary fund,	110 63	
County of Rockingham,	412 49	
Bounty on hawks,	7 80	
Rent of Town Hall,	40 00	
C. E. Sleeper, old plank,	5 00	
B. R. Wheeler, new plank,	7 00	
		$16061 19

Cr.

Paid orders of Selectmen,	15671 75	
March 1, 1881, cash on hand,	389 44	
		$16,061 19

LEVI CLUFF, Town Treasurer.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF ALMSHOUSE

Dr.

Received for Milk,	611 55
Pork,	60 75
Eggs,	15 69
Potatoes,	19 00
Labor,	3 50
Calf,	1 75
Fowls,	7 38
Bill paid Supt.	29 53
	$749 15

Cr.

By cash paid for Meat,	57 44
Groceries,	64 18
Hay,	49 00
Labor,	89 50
Pigs,	6 50
Butchering hogs,	4 00
Repairing pump,	2 00
Salt,	3 45
Difference between cows,	17 00
Bridle,	1 00
Farming tools,	5 48
Boots and shoes,	7 90

Shorts,	13 14
Soap,	5 25
Flour,	22 50
Oats and grass seed,	7 50
Fish,	3 95
Garden seed,	75
Stone work,	7 25
Broom,	50
Oil,	75
Butter,	8 95
Making cider,	1 00
Tobacco,	20 87
Blacksmith work,	13 85
Dry goods,	22 85
Grain,	28 87
Use of bull,	3 00
C. I. Bowker, groceries,	106 15
H. K. Webster & Co., grain,	404 57
	$749 15

JOSHUA CONANT, Superintendent.

REPORT OF OVERSEER OF POOR.

Paid Supt. Almshouse balance services 1879,		$50 00
	1880, in part,	250 00
on acct. of transient poor,		291 63
Balance due Supt. on salary,		50 00
on account,		29 53
		$671 16

Cash received from County of Rockingham,	412 49
Due from County,	33 00
Balance against the Town,	225 67
	$671 16

The undersigned having examined the foregoing accounts find them correctly cast and properly vouched for.

MATTHEW H. TAYLOR,
GEO. C. GORDON,
JOSEPH WEBSTER, } *Auditors.*

PERSONAL PROPERTY AT ALMSHOUSE.

Six tons English hay,	$132 00
Meadow hay,	5 00
Four bushels rye,	4 00
Five bushels corn,	5 00
Five bushels beans,	9 00
Bag meal,	1 25
One horse,	100 00
Nine cows,	360 00
One two year old,	18 00
One set blocks,	2 50
One robe,	5 00
Twelve bags,	2 50
One wagon,	65 00
One sleigh and pung,	15 00
Two harnesses,	16 00
One draft harness,	4 75
Five hay-forks,	1 50
Three shovels,	1 50
Three manure forks,	3 00
Three crowbars,	3 00
Four wood saws,	2 00
Two hand saws,	1 00
Ten chains,	6 00
One manure hook and flail,	1 00
Three rakes,	50
Three hoes,	1 00
One set of measures,	50
One bell,	50
Twelve cords wood,	36 00
Seven cords prepared wood,	35 00
Three shoats,	38 00
Two hundred pounds shorts,	2 10
Twenty-eight fowls,	14 00

Whiffle-trees and chains,	2 00
Stone hammer,	1 00
Four wedges,	1 00
One mowing machine,	50 00
One harrow,	2 00
One cultivator,	2 50
Scythes and Snaths,	3 00
One grindstone,	2 50
One drag,	1 00
One bush scythe and snath,	1 60
Three plows,	20 00
Brush and comb,	1 00
One wrench,	75
One horse rake,	1 00
Two ox-yokes,	1 00
Wheelbarrow,	4 00
Two brass kettles,	3 00
Forty-five pounds ham,	4 75
Fetters and halters,	2 00
One tub,	50
Two hundred pounds pork,	21 00
Pork barrels,	1 00
Cider and Casks,	8 00
Oil Can,	1 00
Ladders,	5 00
Fifty bushels potatoes,	37 50
Turnips,	1 00
Soap and barrel,	75
One garden rake,	75
Five baskets,	80
Two washboards,	50
Flour,	8 00
Eight pounds of butter,	2 40
Sugar,	1 50
Tea,	75

Churns and pails,	5 00
Cheese press,	1 00
Butter box,	1 00
Tray and bowl,	1 00
Tin ware,	12 00
Two Lanterns,	2 00
Stone jars,	2 00
Flat irons,	2 00
Lamps and candlesticks,	1 50
Steelyards,	50
Mortar,	50
Fourteen feather beds,	30 00
Quilts and comforters,	25 00
Twenty-eight pillows,	8 00
Forty-two pillow-cases,	4 00
Eight bolsters,	2 00
Wearing apparel,	30 00
Fifteen pairs sheets,	5 00
Chairs and tables,	10 00
Thirty-six towels,	2 50
Nine bedsteads,	9 00
One apple-parer,	50
Nine straw beds,	4 00
Two clocks and mirrors,	2 50
Trunks, chests and drawers,	7 00
Six jugs,	1 00
Crockery ware,	5 00
Warming and bed-pans,	2 00
Seven axes,	2 00
One cranberry rake,	1 00
Thirty flour barrels,	3 00
One cross-cut saw,	1 00
Five milk cans,	3 00
Augers,	1 75
Clothes wringer,	2 00

Two broad axes,	1 00
Lot carpenter's tools,	6 00
Hammer and stone tools,	2 00
Old iron,	1 00
Three brooms,	50
One side board,	2 00
Two iron kettles,	1 00
Stoves and funnel,	18 00
Clothes line,	1 00
Whitewash brush,	1 00
Rubber cushion,	2 00
Clothes basket,	50
Tubs,	2 00
One pair blankets,	3 00
Oak plank,	1 00
Three picks,	2 85
Horse sled,	20 00
Farm wagon,	15 00
Cart body,	10 00
Vinegar,	6 00
Corn-cutter,	1 00
Nine barrels apples,	9 00
Cabbages,	3 75
Lot small potatoes,	4 50
Lard,	4 50
	$1,414 50

APPRAISAL OF PROPERTY OWNED BY TOWN.

Town Farm, valued at	$4,500 00
Woodland,	100 00
Town House,	1,000 00
Personal property at Alms House,	1,414 50
Town safe,	200 00
Town hearses,	700 00
	$7,914 50

SCHOOL HOUSE TAX

School District No. 5.

Whole amount assessed,		$208 48
Collection and abatement,	8 48	
Paid the District,	200 00	208 48

CHARLES T. MAXWELL,
JOEL C. CAREY,
RICHARD TAYLOR,
} Selectmen of Salem, N. H.

PINE GROVE CEMETERY.

Cr.

Cash received of former Board,	32 10	
for lots,	34 00	66 10

Dr.

Paid Nelson Emerson for labor,	35 00	
Cash on hand,	31 10	66 10

CHARLES T. MAXWELL,
JOEL C. CAREY,
RICHARD TAYLOR, } Committee.

REPORT

—— OF THE ——

Superintending School Committee

—— OF THE ——

Town of Salem, N.H.

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEB. 28, 1881.

REPORT OF THE

Superintending School Committee.

To the citizens of the Town of Salem.

Your Committee respectfully submits the following report.

In reporting the condition of our schools, we can say that (in the majority of cases) they have been a decided success. In some cases where the fullest success has not been achieved, the fault has not been either with scholars, or the teachers, as will appear in the reports from the several districts.

DISTRICT No. 1.

The school year in this district was begun by Miss Heath of Warner, N. H., and in many respects, her school was superior. While the order in the school was not the best, yet, she had a faculty of making the dullest scholars learn, so that those who had been accustomed to be dull were quite sharp in examination.

The school year was finished by Mr. Heber Bowker. Mr. Bowker's administration in some respects has been of a higher order than is usual in this district far as our observation has been.

He has succeeded in producing better deportment than has heretofore been maintained in this school. But I apprehend that no term has been so much of a success as t might have been had the school been properly graded.

It is impossible for a teacher to do justice to the school, or credit to himself, while so many studies are in vogue. We think in justice to the scholars of the district that this matter ought to be looked after. Parents can't afford to allow such a state of things. Hence your committee would call your attention to this matter at once.

DISTRICT No. 2.

This district has been unfortunate this year in this respect, during the progress of the fall term, the school house by some means unknown to us, took fire and was entirely destroyed. The term was finished at the house of Mr. Daniel Merrill. Miss Carrie V. Whitney, of Derry, has taught the school for the whole school year. It has been very quiet, but in all a success.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Rapid advancement has been made in this district in all the studies, especially during the last term. It seemed to us very evident that a gigantic effort was made during this term, both by teacher and pupils, to do better work than has been done before. Miss Emma Goodhue has been the teacher of this school for four years.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Miss Jennie P. Hazeltine, of Chester, N. H., taught here the fore part of the year, and with more than ordinary success. Miss Hazeltine is an experienced teacher and understands her work well.

The last part of the year Miss Mabel M. French of Peterborough was the teacher. This administration was characterized by a very rapid change in the marks of deportment and scholarship passing from *low* and medium to *high*. No school that we ever visited, made more rapid change in this direction.

DISTRICT No 5.

This school has been especially worthy of notice for a number of reasons:

1. She scholars have been very orderly and attentive to their studies and to the rules of the school.

2. The teacher, Miss Charlotte E. Harris, of Windham, has a very happy way of getting along with children, so that it is a comparatively easy task for them to advance in their work. Miss Harris was remembered Christmas time by the school, and made the recipient of a silver cake basket and other things.

DISTRICT No. 6.

The grammar department of this school was under the instruction of Miss Ella Pattee of Salem Depot for the first two terms of the school year. Miss Pattee made herself very efficient in the school room. Her manner of teaching is such that the pupils receive lasting impressions of the subject under consideration.

The winter term was taught by Miss Mabel Stevens, of Centre Harbor. This school was not a success in every respect; the deportment of many of the scholars was very unsatisfactory, and while the teacher tried hard to do well by the school she did not succeed in her government.

The primary department has been under the *able* and *efficient* instruction of Miss J. Emma Stevens of Centre Harbor. We have noted a rapid advancement in every department of this school.

DISTRICT No. 7.

There are but a very few pupils connected with this school, hence the teacher has ample opportunity for personal attention, so that each scholar has the advantage of private instruction Miss M. Emma Pratt, of Windham taught the first term of this school year. The winter has been taught by Mr. Sydney P. Gage of Salem Depot.

DISTRICT No. 8.

Mrs. Senie S. Mason of Salem, N. H., has taught this school for the entire year with very marked success.

DISTRICT No. 9.

This has been a propitious year for this school. Miss Abbie E. Spencer, of Maine, began her labors as teacher here, and has won high honor to herself, both in her administration and in succeeding to win the affections of the pupils and parents of the district. At the close of the winter term a very beautiful and useful present was bestowed upon her by the scholars.

DISTRICT No. 10.

We have no adverse report to bring from this district. Miss Laura J. Goodhue has continued her labors here with very marked success indeed. The school has been mutually profitable for all concerned.

In bringing our report to a close, we would urge all parents to open their hearts for a change of books in the schools. Don't oppose this work if you care for the education of your children. Our present books are very much behind the times. Let us have the best there are.

Respectfully submitted

E. C. BERRY,

Superintending School Committee.

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